

where Members cannot even discuss on the floor those things—I can walk right out in that hall, I can go up into the press gallery, I can go up the steps and go back in my district, I could do it in my home, I could do it in my office, I can do it anywhere else. I can discuss all the problems that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has and NEWT GINGRICH has and the fact that the chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has just stalled this whole process. I can do it all there, but I cannot do it here.

That is the ruling of the Chair. They do not want me to say it, folks. They do not want me to talk about it.

But guess what? We are going to continue to do it until that report is released to the public. They paid \$500,000, Mr. Speaker, for that report, and they are keeping it quiet.

#### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. The gentleman continues to be out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Would the gentleman from Pennsylvania like to take down my words?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the gentleman that Speakers in prior Congresses have also supported these rulings.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to continue to say that it is just not me that is being gagged, it is everybody out in the public, the media, everybody else in this whole country. Nobody knows what is in that report, and you are never going to know what is in that report because they are not going to let you have it.

#### REGARDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, what we have just seen is an act that everyone in the House should be concerned about because the rules of this House exist in large part to assure the civility of the proceedings of the House. They exist to try to make certain that all Members are protected and have certain rights.

These rules are not unique to this Congress. These are rules that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] regularly voted for when he was a Member of the majority. The rules with regard to discussion of matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on this House floor have been the heart of the rules for a long time. They are not something that this majority came up with. They are in fact the same rules that previous Speakers have enforced and have been in place for the previous Congresses.

All Members have an obligation to those rules. When Members think that they are above the law and above the rules, that is an embarrassment, and that destroys the underlying civility that needs to govern our processes here.

I do not know how we can, as a nation, solve the myriad of problems that we have if some Members take it upon themselves to disobey the rules. That is what we have seen happening on a regular basis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BILIRAKIS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BUYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BUYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

#### UNITED STATES MUST GET ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FUNCTIONS IN ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was just on the floor a few days ago and talked about a headline I saw where the trade deficit last month had gotten worse, and today I woke up to see today's news, and trade and jobs and opportunity for my children and for the future of all citizens of our country have been one of my top priorities since I got elected some 3 years ago.

Today I saw a headline that should send chills into the spine of every American and every Member of Congress. It says "U.S. trade gap grew by 43 percent in July."

Now if that does not knock your socks off and you are not concerned about this, then you are not awake.

The opportunities that we are destroying for our children by not getting our international trade functions in order are going to really ruin the future again for our children. Let me show you our current international trade organization.

This is 19 agencies deal with promoting, financing assistance for international trade. This is the current structure. It is a rat's maze. Any business person who could get Federal assistance from this rat's maze and have Government cooperate with business and industry so we could provide good paying jobs, they cannot do it under this structure.

When I first came to Congress, I introduced a reorganization that would put trade finance, trade promotion and trade assistance all together in a sound, reasonable package to provide assistance to give us an opportunity to increase our jobs.

Now look at what Mr. Kantor, our Secretary of Commerce, former Trade Representative said. His comment was "The U.S. trade picture reflects the underlying strength of the U.S. economy."

I cannot believe that he said anything. In fact, I pulled his bio to see if he had any business experience, and he does not. Neither does the gentleman who currently occupies the White House. They just do not understand at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, they do not understand in the Department of Commerce, and they do not understand in the trade agency or the 19 other Federal agencies that spend \$3 billion in tax money.

Then you read about where the big trade deficit is. It is in Japan. Now where does 85 percent of all that money we that we spend promoting U.S. products, assisting U.S. companies go? It goes for, and would you believe this, it does for promoting raisins in Japan, and we already control the market there.

So you see why our children do not have an opportunity for the future. This is the disorganization, these are the comments, this is the statistics.

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We heard about 10 million new jobs in this country. Where are those 10 million new jobs? They are part time, they are low paying, they are service jobs. They do not tell us that between 1993 and 1995 we lost 8.4 million good-paying jobs in this country. People were fired. They were fired in Binghamton, NY, they were fired in Tennessee, they were fired in Florida. They lost their jobs, and a majority of those 8.4 million people had to take lower paying jobs.

So the 10 million jobs, people I talked to in my district have two or three of